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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

Attention: Identification Division

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8/19/75

Re

DOCTOR SIDNEY GOTTLIEB

Field File No. AX-52-2392

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SIDNEY GOTTLIEB

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On August 22, 1975, SC [] and SC [], caused a search to be made of the files of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D. C. (WDC), and the United States Park Police, WDC, respectively, and they were advised that no record could be located concerning Doctor SIDNEY GOTTLIEB.

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On August 21, 1975, SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department and the Town of Vienna, Virginia, Police Department and he determined that no arrest or criminal record could be located relative to Doctor SIDNEY GOTTLIEB.

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On August 20, 1975, SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department relative to Doctor SIDNEY GOTTLIEB, however, no record could be located concerning this individual.

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A review of the files of the Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, WDC as of August 21, 1975, revealed no criminal record relating to Doctor SIDNEY GOTTLIEB.

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Ex-CIA Aide Set to Talk Of Drug File

By Bill Richards

Washington Post Staff Writer

A former senior CIA official who disappeared after ordering the destruction of most of the intelligence agency's files on its illegal drug testing program recently has surfaced here and is believed preparing to be called for testimony on CIA drug activities, according to government and other legal sources.

The sources said Dr. Sidney Gottlieb, who headed the CIA's Technical Services Division and was in overall charge of the agency's drug tests until his retirement in 1973, returned here recently and has retained former Senate Watergate Committee counsel Terry Lenzner as his lawyer. Lenzner declined last week to either confirm or deny that he had been retained to represent Gottlieb.

Gottlieb, 57, was responsible for overseeing the destruction of 152 files covering virtually all of the CIA's drug testing, including some on unsuspecting individuals which the Rockefeller Commission on the CIA called "clearly illegal," commission sources said.

In its June report, the commission noted that it was forced to work from limited information because of the destruction of the files. It did not name the person responsible for getting rid of the documents, but a senior commission source said recently that Gottlieb had been the one in charge of the file destruction.

"No one would take responsibility for those files being destroyed and we asked questions right up to the top," said the commission source. "Gottlieb was in charge of their destruction, but we never learned whether he received his orders from someone even higher."

The Rockefeller Commission source said the commission's investigators attempted to reach Gottlieb for questioning but were told by the agency that he was out of the country and was unavailable. Gottlieb was believed to have been in India during the Rockefeller investigation although The Washington Post has learned that his mail was

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Man Linked to Destroyed CIA Drug Files Held Set to Testify

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being delivered to an address in the Denver area during that time.

The Justice Department, looking into information compiled by the Rockefeller Commission for possible illegalities, has not yet sought to question Gottlieb, it was learned last week.

The CIA's testing of drugs on persons who were not aware of the tests was one of the few specific actions of the agency, which the commission's 299-page report labeled illegal.

Commission sources said in most cases they were not able to gain specific names of persons who were given drugs, such as LSD, because of the missing files. The sources said they also were unable to learn whether behavior-influencing drugs were administered to anyone outside the U.S. by the CIA.

The one specific example of a drug being administered by the CIA to an unsuspecting person was described by the commission without any person being named—as occurring in 1953. In that instance at least three CIA

agents, including Gottlieb, were with a group of Army scientists during a gathering in Western Maryland when the scientists were unknowingly given LSD. One of the scientists, Dr. Frank Olson, apparently suffered a mental breakdown after the episode and, according to the CIA, jumped to his death from a New York City hotel window nine days later.

Olson's family never was told that he had been given the drug, and learned the details of the incident only after publication of the Rockefeller Commission report. The family has announced its intention to sue the CIA and has received an apology from President Ford, along with a promise that it would be given all the available documents concerning the affair from the CIA.

A CIA spokesman declined last week to comment on Gottlieb's reappearance here. A spokesman for the Olson family also declined comment but the family has said in the past that it would like to interview Gottlieb about his role in Olson's death.

One of the CIA agents at the West-

ern Maryland meeting where Olson got the LSD has since died and a second, Robert Lashbrook, has retired from the intelligence agency. Lashbrook told The Post that he was not responsible for giving the drug to Olson or the other scientists, but he declined to say who did authorize administering LSD to the unsuspecting scientists. The Rockefeller Commission said all the CIA agents at the meeting were reprimanded by the agency.

Rockefeller Commission sources said Gottlieb, who holds a Ph.D. in chemistry, operated the CIA's secret drug testing program in the years following Olson's death, although the Olson incident apparently caused the agency to bring in psychiatrists on its testing after the scientist's death.

According to the commission's report, all testing of "potentially dangerous substances" on unsuspecting persons was halted in 1963. A senior staff source on the commission said last week that the records ordered destroyed by Gottlieb may have contained evidence of such testing through 1973.

The destruction of the CIA's drug files and Gottlieb's disappearance before the Rockefeller commission investigation compounded the CIA's earlier cloak of secrecy surrounding its drug activities and prevented commission investigators from obtaining many specifics about the drug tests, according to a commission source.

Even within the agency there apparently was a preoccupation with secrecy about drugs. In 1963, the CIA's Inspector General prepared a report on more than 100 pages on the agency's technical services division which handled, among other things, some of the drug testing. An addendum to the overall report—separate and with a higher security classification—was made about the drug program.

In their book this year about the CIA, John Marks and former agency official Victor Marchetti note that a staff officer preparing a compendium of all agency research ties to various universities specifically was told to leave out any mention of research programs involving the use of drugs.

One CIA-funded research project in-

volving drugs was conducted from 1964 through 1967 at the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences in Houston. The CIA took pains to disguise its financing of the project by using the Air Force as a cover and results of the tests were given to a private West Coast company that also functioned as a CIA cover, according to Dr. Neil Burch, director of the Texas program.

It is not known whether Gottlieb was connected with the Texas research, but Rockefeller commission sources said he was in charge of much of the CIA's drug test research during the 1960s.

According to former CIA agent Lashbrook, the agency was particularly concerned in the 1950s and 1960s that LSD and other drugs might be used on American officials abroad. Lashbrook said the CIA also was interested in the possibility of using various drugs on foreign officials.

Before he joined the CIA in 1951, Gottlieb worked for three years as a research associate at the University of Maryland. A university spokesman

said last week that the school terminated its official connection with Gottlieb when he joined the intelligence agency. Other former associates of Gottlieb said that as late as 1957 he used the university as a personal cover at a national conference of the American Chemical Society in Miami.

According to one source who was a former CIA agent, Gottlieb also was one of several contacts the agency maintained on an informal basis with the Army's drug research program at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland. The civilian director of the Army's program has denied that any liaison existed between the CIA and the Army at Edgewood.

Gottlieb also was reported to have worked closely with the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs during the 1960s. After his retirement from the CIA in 1973, Gottlieb worked for a short time as a consultant to the BNDD's successor, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and helped reorganize the DEA's department of science and technology.

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To: SAC, Alexandria (52-2392)

From: Director, FBI (52-101074)

DOCTOR SIDNEY GOTTLIEB
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
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ReWFO nitel to FBIHQ 9/23/75.

[redacted], Departmental Attorney, Criminal Division, telephonically advised on 10/14/75, that he had been informed of an article appearing in Washington, D. C. newspapers over the weekend 10/11-12/75, indicating that Doctor Sidney Gottlieb had testified before the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Intelligence Activities. It was indicated that Doctor Gottlieb was granted immunity before testifying and that he testified concerning the destruction of records in this matter. [redacted] understands that Doctor Gottlieb may be returning to India in the immediate future, however, prior to his leaving the area, he desires that Doctor Gottlieb be interviewed concerning this matter. He suggested that Doctor Gottlieb could possibly be contacted through the Attorney, Terry Lenzner.

WFO should conduct investigation to determine if Doctor Gottlieb will submit to interview since he has testified before the above committee.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Washington, D.C. 20535
November 3, 1975

DOCTOR SIDNEY GOTTLIEB
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

On October 30, 1975, Mr. Terry Lenzner of the Law Firm Truitt, Fabrikant, Bucklin, and Lenzner, 910 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., attorney representing Dr. Sidney Gottlieb, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., that due to the enormous pressure on his client for testimony before the United States Congress, he is unable to make Dr. Gottlieb available for interview in the foreseeable future. When Dr. Gottlieb is available for interview, Mr. Lenzner will notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D.C.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI.
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DR. SIDNEY GOTTLIEB;
DGP;
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Re Bureau airtel to WFO dated 9/8/75.

Enclosed to the Bureau is an original and four copies of an LHM which is self-explanatory. Enclosed for the Alexandria Division is one copy of the same LHM.

After numerous attempts to contact subject GOTTLIEB's attorney, enclosed information was obtained, 10/30/75. In view of the enclosed LHM, WFO is considering this matter RUC.

The Special Agent set out in the enclosed LHM is
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (52-101074)

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (52-2392)(P)

DOCTOR SIDNEY GOTTLIEB.
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OO:ALEXANDRIA

Re WFO airtel to the Bureau with LHM, dated 11/3/75.

For the information of the Bureau and WFO, all logical investigation into this matter has been completed except for the interview of GOTTLIEB by WFO. In view of this and in order to bring this case to a logical conclusion, WFO is requested to contact subject's attorney, TERRY LENZER, one additional time and determine if GOTTLIEB, who may have returned to India by now, might possibly be visiting this country during the Christmas holidays and would then be available for interview.

Alexandria will, upon receipt of the results of the above requested investigation, submit its recommendation to the Bureau to hopefully bring this case to a logical conclusion.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALEXANDRIA (52-2392)

DATE: 1/6/76

FROM : SAC, WFO (52-16600) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DR. SIDNEY GOTTLIEB

DGP

(OO:AX)

Re Alexandria airtel to FBIHQ dated 12/8/75.

Attempts to contact GOTTLIEB's attorney, TERRY LENZNER, during the Christmas holidays were negative. It is pointed out to Alexandria that Mr. LENZNER is well aware of the Bureau's desire to interview GOTTLIEB.

In view of the above, WFO is considering this matter RUC.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (52-101074)

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (52-2392) (P)

DOCTOR SIDNEY GOTTLIEB
DGP
(OO:AX)

Re Alexandria airtel to the Bureau and WFO, 12/8/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau's information is one copy of WFO letter to Alexandria dated 1/6/76, which is that office's reply to Alexandria's lead set forth in referenced airtel.

It is obvious from a review of enclosed WFO letter that no interview of subject GOTTLIEB, by Agents of that office, can be anticipated anytime within the foreseeable future. In view of this, and since all other investigation into this matter has been completed and reported by the Alexandria Office, the Bureau is requested to advise what, if any, additional action it or the Department desires Alexandria to take in order to bring this case to a logical conclusion.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Washington, D.C. 20535

January 14, 1976

DOCTOR SIDNEY GOTTLIEB
DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

On January 12, 1976, the office of Mr. Terry Lenzner of the law firm Truitt, Fabrikant, Bucklin, and Lenzner, 910 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., attorney representing Doctor Sidney Gottlieb, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., that they would not make Doctor Gottlieb available to the FBI for interview.

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The Special Agent set out in enclosed LHM is SA of the Washington Field Office.

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The Criminal Division of the Department of Justice has advised that no further investigation should be conducted in this matter in view of Doctor Gottlieb's attorney not making him available for interview.

Alexandria and WFO discontinue further efforts to interview Doctor Gottlieb.

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